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1. THE INTERNATIONAL SEED TESTING ASSOCIATION (ISTA) EMPLOYED A STAFF OF THREE (3) SALARIED PERSONS - ONE PERSON FULL TIME AND TWO PERSONS 80 PERCENT PART TIME- AT THE SECRETARIEAT LOCATED UNTIL RECENTLY AT THE AAS LAND-BRUKSSKOLE OUTSIDE OF OSLO. COMBINED SALARIES AND SOCIAL BENEFITS WERE APPROXIMATELY NKR.198,000 (OR US\$37,359.00 -- AT \$ EQUAL NKR. 5.3).
ISTA IS FUNDED BY MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND SALE OF PUBLICATIONS. THERE WAS NO STATE SUPPORT, EXCEPT FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF ISTA PROPERTY. THE HONORARY SECRETARY, MR. ARNE WOLD, WHO HAS NOW BEEN MADE AN HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT, DOES NOT, AND DID NOT, RECEIVE ANY SALARY FROM ISTA. HOWEVER, HE IS SALARIED BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT FOR HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF NORSK FROKONTROLL (NORWEGIAN SEED CONTROL), WHICH IS A MEMBER OF ISTA. HIS SALARY IS APPROXIMATELY US\$21,000.00 PER ANNUM.

2. THERE ARE NO ISTA COMMITTEES IN NORWAY. THERE ARE 15 TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ABOUT 61 MEMBER COUNTRIES, 130 MEMBER LABORATORY STATIONS (OUT OF WHICH NORWAY HOLDS 2 MEMBERSHIPS: AAS LANDBRUKSSKOLE, AAS,
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NORWAY; AND STATENS SKOGFROVERK, HAMAR, NORWAYLN AND
170 PERSONAL MEMBERSHIPS OF THE ISTA.

3. ISTA CONGRESS MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY THIRD YEAR, AND THE NEXT IS TO BE HELD IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, IN JUNE OF 1980.
4. ON DECEMBER 5, 1977, THE ISTA SECRETARIAT MOVED TO ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, AND THERE ARE NO EMPLOYEES OR STAFF MEMBERS OF ISTA

REMAINING IN NORWAY. THEREFORE, OSLO SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE
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